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THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" (a) A statement [a]—Statement No. 1, furnishing information regarding the total export value of groundnut trade of this Province is laid on the table of the House. Beyond the land revenue which is not special to groundnut, neither the Central Government nor the Provincial Government derive any income by the cultivation or export of groundnut. The Government have established an agricultural Research Station at Tindivanam to carry out researches in regard to the improvement of groundnut crop. The average expenditure on such research work including the proportionate cost of the Oil-seeds Section at Coimbatore is estimated at Rs. 24,350 per annum. Experiments are also carried out at other Agricultural Research Stations in the Province.

" The Marketing Section has carried out a marketing survey of groundnut among other commodities. The non-credit inspectors of the Co-operative department assist sale societies which deal in groundnut in Vizagapatam, South Arcot, Salem, Coimbatore and Madura districts. It is not possible to estimate the proportionate cost of these items of work.

" (b) A statement [b]—Statement No. II, showing the total quantity of groundnut-oil exported since 1932 and the places of its destination is laid on the table of the House. No exact figures of the annual inland consumption of groundnut-oil are available. The local consumption may roughly be estimated at 148,450 tons annually."

Groundnut and articles having imperial preference.

* 56 *Q.*—SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether groundnut is an article coming within the range of imperial preferences?

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" The answer is in the affirmative."

Groundnut cake business in the presidency.

* 57 *Q.*—SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state what the total value of groundnut cake export trade of the Madras Presidency is since 1932; what the places of destination and quantities destined are; what the total inland consumption is; what the total requirement for inland consumption is?

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" Two statements [b] are laid on the table, one furnishing information regarding the total value of groundnut cake exported by the sea and the other showing the destination of these exports. Information relating to coastwise exports and exports by rail is not available.

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a Printed as Appendix IV on pages 78–79 infra.

b Printed as Appendix V on pages 79–80 infra.

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The total inland consumption is estimated at 189,000 tons. No definite information is available regarding the total requirement for inland consumption."

SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—" In view of what has been stated, may I know whether the Government will not undertake planning with regard to this industry? "

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" Certainly the matter will be considered."

Enquiry into the alleged death of one Sanku Shetty of Mangalore in the police lock-up.

* 58 *Q.*—SRI D. MANJAYA HEGDE: Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the result is of the final enquiry into the death of one Sanku Shetty, a motor driver, in the Mangalore police lock-up in about March 1937; and

(*b*) whether a copy of the report of the enquiry will be placed on the table of this House?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR :—" (*a*) The enquiry showed that death was probably due to heart failure. But it was proved that there were some irregularities in the manner in which certain police officers and men and the Assistant District Medical Officer discharged their duties. They have been suitably punished, the punishments inflicted being—

(1) the Sub-Inspector who was in charge of the Law and Order branch of the Police station was reverted as head constable and his name was removed from the list of head constable fit for promotion to the rank of Sub-Inspector.

(2) The station writer head constable was permanently reduced from the rank of head constable to that of constable and removed from the post of station writer.

(3) Of the two other head constables who were also involved, one was reduced from the first grade to the second grade for a period of one year and the other was given a black mark.

(4) One of the two sentry constables who were involved, was given two black marks and warned for dismissal and the other was reduced from the first to the second class for a period of six months.

(5) The Assistant District Medical Officer was censured.

" (*b*) No single officer was appointed to enquire into the case. The Government do not deem it desirable to place departmental reports on the table."